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"TRADE AT HOME."

A Short but Interesting Sermon for the Benefit of Fort Worth Merchants.

Inadequate Hotel Accommodations and Business Houses and the Result—The Blue and the Gray.

ON THE ROAD, Oct. 15, 1899.

Editor Gazette.

I notice in your issue of the 17th an article headed, "Trade at Home," in which your correspondent mentions the fact of a banker (which should be spelled in this case with a small "b"), going to Dallas to trade, and wants to know if there is not some way of "retaliating on the Dallas merchants." For what? Simply doing their duty to themselves as live merchants, and their duty to their city by keeping their city prominently before the country as the better place to trade. Rather, let the merchants of Fort Worth wake up to the fact that they must make prices and keep the class of goods that people want, and then, and not until then, will Fort Worth people and outsiders as well, do their trading at Fort Worth. This "trade at home" is too narrow a maxim for your beautiful city. "Come from all over the country, big towns and little towns, and trade at Fort Worth, where the best bargains for the least money in all the state is to be found," should be your motto. And again, why not "mention that banker's name?" Let the people know who it is that takes their money and spends it in Dallas. Quietly take your deposits from his bank and give it to one that has the interest of his own heart. But don't blame Dallas. Look at it as business men, from a business point of view.

I notice also an offer from a loan and construction company who offer to put up a large seven-story hotel with store rooms underneath, provided, some one will guarantee a rental of 8 per cent. for ten years; in other words they want to pose as public benefactors. If some one else will pocket the loss, if any, and they will get all the glory. Another truly enterprising firm. The good Lord and the public know only too well how much you need a good hotel with all the modern conveniences. When I went to Fort Worth the other day for the first time I asked several traveling men which was the best hotel. The universal answer was, "Well, if you go to one, you will wish you had gone to the other; and yet the hotels are as good as they can be under the circumstances with the buildings they are in. Another great need is modern store rooms. The little town of Vernon has newer stores and show windows than Fort Worth, to the shame of Fort Worth be it said, and if that enterprising loan company will go ahead and put up their building the store rooms will all be rented to first class tenants before the first floor is laid. You may think I am doing a good deal of kicking for a stranger, but "man that is born of woman" came into this world kicking and crying, and observation is they keep it up till they die, and I am not sure but some of them take it on the other side. Do you know that you have not only the largest but the grandest state in the Union, and there is no earthly reason why Fort Worth, with one of the most beautiful sites for a city, its healthy climate, which I compare to Southern and Central California, and Col. Hoffman assured me there was no extra charge for climate here as there is in California. I am interested in Fort Worth. "Like it, I do." I bought a couple of lots the other day when there, and if I can get home in time to close a couple of options I have there will have a good deal more, and I can close out my business in Omaha will move down there in the spring. Do you know that you people have not waked up to the possibilities of your own city and state; that not one Texan in 100 realizes it, and as you truly said in your editorial, "There never was a city in the Southwest that had such opportunities as Fort Worth has now," if they would only wake up to the fact. I saw one prominent dry goods house that the only display they made or could make with the room they had was to throw some prints over the doors that opened in and let them hang down. Why, some of the stores at Omaha have thousands of dollars worth of goods displayed in their windows and in front of the stores—have men hired for "window dressers" and who do nothing else.

I don't know but I will weary you with this, if I do I know the waste basket is ever ready to carry all the burdens the editor can't. But I wish to say one word to Judge Cummings. In his remarks to the ex-Confederate veterans the other night he deprecated the idea of calling on the North for aid. I admire independence, but there is such a thing as carrying it too far. Did you ever think that too much independence is the most foolish dependence in the world, and I want to say right here, that the ex-Confederates have no warmer friends anywhere than among the boys in blue. They will divide their last dollar with you, and I say without fear of contradiction that 99 per cent. of the bad feeling, if there is any between North and South, is outside of the "Gray and Blue." They are just as ready to extend the right hand of fellowship as they were to swap tobacco for corn pone during a full

in the battle or out on the lonely picket. I notice \$2 to buy two tickets for "ex-Confederate day" for some old veteran that ain't able to buy his own, and I want one bought for his good old wife. In our wise provisions for these soldiers' homes, national and state, we make no provision for the wives of the old veterans in blue or gray, except "over the hills to the poorhouse." Ah! who of us can realize the silent suffering of the good wife or mother who watched and prayed and listened for the footsteps that never came, or if it did with a lost limb or broken down constitution. Thank God for the peace that reigns throughout the length and breadth of our beautiful country, and pray to Him that it may continue to the end. Now to close: On the business questions I speak as one with twenty-three years experience in business, on the soldier question as one who was there. Some of the readers, perhaps, remember the Fifty-first Illinois Infantry. I know too many of you met us at Franklin, where fully one-half of the regiment was "left in the trenches." I suppose you thought it "more blessed to give than receive," but you got us in a bad pocket then sure. Yours truly, SPARTACUS.

To Advertisers.

Advertisers who have no contracts with the GAZETTE are again urged to contract for what space they may desire. Discounts are based on the amount of the advertising done, and where there is no specified amount there is no specified rate, other than the transient rates. With this request, advertisers will save money for themselves and facilitate the system of business which is necessary in the conducting of a daily newspaper.

Notice to Advertisers.

From and after November 1, next, no time advertisements will be run in THE GAZETTE without written contract, except at the one-time rate. On January 1, 1891, the advertising rates of THE GAZETTE were advanced to cover the growth in the circulation of the paper.

SUNDAY AND WEEK-END ADS.

Patrons desiring Sunday and week-end advertisements, please apply in advance, and take the risk of failure to receive the space.

Parties desiring Sunday changes and additions will please furnish the copy not later than 8 a. m. Saturday, as otherwise it may be impossible to make such change or addition.

Extra Papers.

Parties desiring copies of THE GAZETTE for mailing, at the business office, at 5 cents a copy.

STATE POLITICS.

Never so Dull and Lifeless as at Present. A One-Sided Campaign.

To What Extent will Texas be Represented at the World's Fair?—Governor Ross to Go to Bryan.

Special Correspondence of the Gazette.

AUSTIN, TEX., Oct. 20.—Political stagnation is all but absolute and universal in Texas at present. There is the most striking contrast between the political situation now and that existing prior to the state convention. Then there was contention, feeling and no small show of acrimony. Oratory abounded, schemes were sprung, and the fatal boomerang was seen now and then to fly hurtling through the political fogs and mists, only to return to plague the inventor. That palladium of freedom, the press, rattled hot shot upon one side or the other, and Hogg and anti-Hogg, commission and anti-commission arguments were heard upon every side. A small but able and ingenious band of unprogressives struggled by aid of all the arts and artifices at their command to stem the popular tide and turn back upon itself the popular move that threatened to engulf them, but in vain. For a time they withstood the force and momentum of it, but before long were swept away by it, and before the convention met were as completely annihilated as were Pharaoh's legions in the Red Sea. Since then nothing, or next to nothing, has been heard of them. The march of the commission hosts since the adjournment of the convention has been uneventful as was that of the Israelites after the overthrow of their enemies. Not that all Democrats heartily acquiesce in the dictum of the convention concerning the commission, for there are some; not many, whose opposition to the proposed scheme of railway regulation is "hearted," and who find pretexts enough to justify them in voting against it. But they are very quiet about it, and say very little on the subject, realizing of course, the utter futility of talking against what the fates appear to have decreed as a foregone conclusion. Like the royal monarch who put away his wives one after another, when he had tired of them, because his conscience would not permit him to live any longer with them, those gentlemen, or some of them at any rate, appear to be the victims of morbid conscience whose imperative dictates they find it hard to resist. They will go to the polls November 4, and cast their vote against the popular scheme, and perhaps thank God that they are not as other men are. As no particular harm will result, and as they will have exercised the sovereign privilege of every American citizen in casting his ballot, it is to be hoped that they will find their consciences marvelously eased and their minds at rest when the day's work is done.

In a conversation with Governor Lubbock Saturday, the gentleman said: "I have lived in Texas fifty-four years and I can truthfully say that I never knew state politics to be so dull and lifeless as it is now, and just before the election too. Why, there is nothing doing or being said. It is simply wonderful." Others note the same political apathy, and attribute it, as Governor Lubbock does, to the one-sidedness of the campaign and the fact that Col. Flanagan has utterly failed to enthrone the rank and file of his party or to incite the orators on his side to take the field. His canvass is entirely unfructuous, lifeless and uneventful. There is nothing moving or ringing about it. Even his own partisans are a little moved by it as the Democrats are. There is something lacking, apparently, in his style of campaigning or his personality, something that if present would rally the brethren to his standard in more imposing numbers and encourage the speakers among Republicans, of whom there is no dearth, to take the stump and throw some life and animation into the campaign.

It is interesting to note the wonderful contrast in this particular, between Democratic and Republican minorities. In Northern states, where the Democrats are largely in the minority, and even in Kansas where they are hopelessly so, they are no less aggressive and combative than if they had good reason to hope for present success. Nothing like the Republican slothfulness and inactivity in Texas exists there. They do not go mooning about waiting for providence or some unforeseen agency to put them on top. They are fighters, and carry, every man of them, a chip on his shoulder. They are ready, and never say die. By such tenacity of purpose, such stubbornness and persistence, they succeeded last spring in electing a Democratic governor of Iowa—a few years ago, a typical "yaller dog" Republican state.

How long under present methods, will it take the Republicans of Texas to elect a governor? Not until the crack of doom, unless they alter their present political warfare, and throw aside the close corporation of a select few plotting and scheming for Federal spoils. Commissioner Foster of the agricultural bureau has received several letters in the last few days from the directors of the World's fair and from the various sub-committees thereof, asking what Texas is going to do about a state exhibit. At present he can give no satisfactory answer, not being able to surmise even what the state legislature will do in the premises, or whether it will do anything. As is well known, the constitution prohibits by express provision the expenditure of any state funds whatever for the encouragement of immigration, and as it is difficult to see what other purpose the state could have in placing an exhibit at the fair than the encouragement of immigration, both of men and money, one is puzzled to know how the idea can be carried out without violating the fundamental law. It is perhaps unfortunate that such an exhibit exists, but there it is as frustrating and formidable as the late speaker of the lower house of congress. Gov. Ross admits that he does not see how the legislature can consistently get around it, while he admits the propriety and need for such an exhibit as Texas only can set forth. This is too great a task for any private exhibitor. A large space should be allotted to the state, where its own exhibit, and those of individuals and companies should be placed together, the tout ensemble of which would be grand and striking in the extreme.

It is true that the legislature evaded the constitution, or sought to do so a few years ago by voting \$20,000 for the maintenance of a state exhibit at the New Orleans world's fair. The appropriation, which was made ostensibly for the purpose of enabling the commission

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A Threatening Blaze at Waxahachie.

Special to the Gazette.

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Reassembled.

Paris, Oct. 20.—The senate and chamber of deputies reassembled to-day.

Excursion Notes.

To the Austin School Lots at Corpus Christi.

There will be an excursion start Tuesday for Corpus Christi for the benefit of those who wish to attend the auction sale of lots which takes place on October 22 at that place.

Subscription for the Weekly Gazette.

Assignment.

Assignment of the jury civil docket of the district court of Tarrant county, Tex., for the week commencing Monday, October 23, 1899:

3771. Fort Worth Street Railway Company vs. Queen City Street Railway Company.

4303. E. L. Morlimer vs. Fort Worth Opera Company.

4326. A. G. Brooks vs. Fort Worth Street Railway Company.

3575. J. B. Shuck vs. W. H. Davis et al.

4329. W. J. Bentley et al. vs. B. C. Evans Co.

4184. J. R. Johnson vs. E. E. Chase.

4312. W. H. Brown vs. Texas Railway Company vs. J. J. Roche.

4313. Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway Company vs. Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway Company vs. C. C. Allen et al.

4315. W. H. Brown vs. Texas Railway Company vs. M. C. Hurley.

4320. Henry Johnson vs. W. A. Hoffman et al.

4321. Mary Davis et al. vs. M. E. Fitzgerald.

2886. J. C. Lovell vs. Thomas Roche.

By order of the court. District Clerk.

Zachary Case.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

COMANCHE, TEX., Oct. 18.—The preliminary trial of Zachary for the killing of Bryant is still in progress, this being the third day. Several days more will probably be consumed. No new light has been so far thrown on the case.

If you wish bargains in any goods or cheap Texas Pawlbrokers, 309 Houston street.

Earthquake Shocks.

LISBON, Oct. 20.—A slight shock of earthquake has been felt here.

The governor of Mozambique has notified the government that the British South Africa company has occupied Mitao, and Das.



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Look Out For a Fall.

This is one of the fall months, you know, and of course you naturally expect a "fall." This week you can get the Fall of Pompeii, and if you look around sharply you can catch the sound of still another, and (to you) more interesting "fall." It has reference to the fall in prices of fine suits and fine overcoats, as compared with the same prices last year. We have an enormous stock of clothing laid in for the winter season and we want to put it on the backs of a freezing public. We mark them low in order to do it right quickly. The season is ripe for an investment in a suit or an overcoat. While taking in the Fall of Pompeii take in our bargain sale and see if we can't exchange good values in clothes for some of your cash. A small investment buys a large return.

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